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IN THE CLAIMS:**Please amend the claims as follows:**

- 1 1. (Currently Amended) A file manager provided for locating a file identified by a path
2 referring to a unit and an identifier, comprising:
3 a table for associating said file with a priority list of physical units,
4 wherein said physical units store a plurality of versions of said file,
5 wherein said table comprises a plurality of associations of a same file logical path
6 name and a file name in a one-to-one correspondence with a plurality of physical units, and
7 wherein each of said plurality of associations comprises an association of a unique
8 version of said file having said same file logical path name and said file name such that each
9 of said stored plurality of versions of said file are not duplicated.
2. (Original) A file manager according to claim 1, further comprising a unit for modifying said priority list.
3. (Original) A file manager according to claim 1, wherein said table also defines attributes for each item of said priority list.
4. (Original) A file manager according to claim 2, wherein said table also defines attributes for each item of said priority list.
5. (Original) A file manager according to claim 3, wherein said table defines for said file a physical unit with a write attribute that differs from a physical unit with a read attribute.
6. (Original) A file manager according to claim 3, further comprising a unit for modifying said attributes.
7. (Original) A file manager according to claim 4, further comprising a unit for modifying said attributes.

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8. (Original) A controller of peripheral devices in a computer system, comprising a file manager according to claim 1.

9. (Original) An operating system of a computer system, comprising a file manager according to claim 1.

10. (Original) A medium comprising computer readable instructions for carrying out a file manager according to claim 1.

11. (Currently Amended) A file manager for locating a file, comprising:
a table for associating said file with a priority list of physical units,
wherein said file is identified by a path referring to a logical unit and an identifier,
wherein said physical units store a plurality of versions of said file,
wherein said table comprises a plurality of associations of a same file logical path name and a file name in a one-to-one correspondence with a plurality of physical units, and
wherein each of said plurality of associations comprises an association of a unique version of said file having said same file logical path name and said file name such that each of said stored plurality of versions of said file are not duplicated.

12. (Original) The file manager of claim 11, wherein a plurality of versions of said file with a common logical identification are savable.

13. (Original) The file manager of claim 12, further comprising a modifying unit for modifying the priority list, thereby to access any of said plurality of versions.

14. (Currently Amended) A method for locating a file identified by a path referring to a logical unit and an identifier, comprising:
associating, in a file manager having a table, said file with a priority list of physical units,
wherein said physical units store a plurality of versions of said file,
wherein said table comprises a plurality of associations of a same file logical path

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7 name and a file name in a one-to-one correspondence with a plurality of physical units, and
8 wherein each of said plurality of associations comprises an association of a unique
9 version of said file having said same file logical path name and said file name such that each
10 of said stored plurality of versions of said file are not duplicated.

15. (Previously Presented) The file manager, as claimed in claim 1, wherein when a second request for a file logical path name and a file name is the same as a first request, said file manager associates a physical unit listed on said priority list to said file name of said second request different from a physical unit associated with a file name of said first request.

16. (Canceled)

17. (Previously Presented) The file manager, as claimed in claim 16, wherein said file manager selectively accesses a first association of a same file logical path name and a file name established prior to a second association of a same file logical path name and a file name.

18. (Previously Presented) The file manager, as claimed in claim 1, wherein said file manager routes a subsequent request to access a same file logical path name and a same file name as a previous request to a different version of said file logical path name and said file name on a different physical unit.

19. (Previously Presented) The file manager, as claimed in claim 1, wherein said file manager establishes and maintains said priority list of physical units.

20. (Previously Presented) The file manager, as claimed in claim 1, wherein each of said physical units holds a different version of said file.

21. (Previously Presented) The file manager according to claim 1, wherein each of said unique versions of said file is associated with a different priority from said priority list.

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22. (Previously Presented) The file manager of claim 1, wherein files identified by the same file logical path name and file name and associated with different physical units comprise different attributes.

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